



HHS CIRCULAR C-015

Health and Human Services and Department of Aging and Disability Services Enterprise Executive Work Group – Service Integration and Coordination

Purpose

To establish the enterprise Health and Human Services and Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) Enterprise Executive Work Group – Service Integration and Coordination comprised of the following executives and agency staff: HHSC Deputy Executive Commissioner for Health Services; HHSC Senior Policy Advisor for Long-Term Services and Supports; DADS Commissioner; DADS Deputy Commissioner; and appropriate HHSC and DADS staff.

Directive

The work group will ensure that long-term services and supports are coordinated across DADS and HHSC at the enterprise level. Operational issues will include, but are not limited to, managed care issues as they affect individuals needing long-term services and supports. The work group may invite stakeholders to present to senior enterprise officials on cross-agency long-term services and supports operational issues.

The Office of Health Services Senior Policy Advisor for Long-Term Services and Supports and the DADS Center for Policy Initiatives Director will set the agenda for each meeting and schedule meetings semi-annually or more frequently as needed.

Background

With the consolidation of health and human services agencies under H.B. 2292, 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, and the expansion of Medicaid managed care delivery systems that incorporate long-term services, there is an increased need to ensure that acute and long-term services are well integrated.

Additionally, HHSC and DADS sponsor the Promoting Independence Plan, which addresses all long-term services and supports, and enhances the state's efforts to improve the provision of community-based alternatives. HHSC and DADS, by better coordinating these programs, can effectively foster independence and acceptance of people with disabilities and provide opportunities for people to live productive lives in their home communities.



Summary

The HHS and DADS Enterprise Executive Work Group – Service Integration and Coordination will provide a high-level coordination function for managed care integration issues and will address other operational issues that affect individuals using long-term services and supports. The work group’s agenda will accommodate a range of operational issues to ensure staff, provider, and stakeholder concerns are thoroughly vetted.

Inquiries

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